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National Wildlife Federation Seeks Volunteers to be Certified as Habitat Stewards

Cleveland, OH – This Fall, the National Wildlife Federation (NWF), with the support of the Cuyahoga Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD), and local natural resource professionals are looking for dedicated individuals to train as Certified Habitat Steward Volunteers.

At our workshops, NWF will teach you how to help people in the community create and restore wildlife habitats in backyards, schoolyards, and other private and public areas. NWF will provide you with training to become a Habitat Steward volunteer – no prior experience necessary. Subjects to be included in the sessions are: habitat, landscaping, native plants, trees, birds, reptiles, and more, all taught by experts in interactive sessions. Additionally, attendees will work to curb invasive plants and learn about rain gardens, rain barrels, and storm water pollution prevention. Attendees must participate in all 24 hours of training for certification. Helping to develop habitat sites, creating your own habitat, and assisting with educational or other events will count towards the 30 hours of volunteer time required after the training.

Registration fee is \$40.00 per person and includes an instruction manual and numerous resource materials, several classes of instruction and certification upon completion. The training is taking place at the Highland Heights Community Center in Highland Heights, OH on September 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd from 6:30pm – 9:00pm. Field trips will take place on two Saturdays – September 10th and 17th from 9:30am – 3:00pm (locations TBA).

Registration due by August 18th. Contact the Cuyahoga Soil & Water Conservation District office at 216/524-6580 x22 or email aroskilly@cuyahogawcd.org. For more information, visit our website at www.cuyahogawcd.org.

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